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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
**ON PETITION**

This decision concerns the March 10, 2004 petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on September 29, 2003 for failure to timely pay the first maintenance fee.

The instant petition authorizes the USPTO to charge the \$455 maintenance fee (small entity) and the \$1,640 surcharge (payment after patent expiration; delay unintentional) to Deposit Account No. 05-0649; and states that the delay in paying the maintenance fee was unintentional. The petition is thus granted. The patent is hereby reinstated as of the mailing date of this decision.

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